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In re Application of

JAMES S. VARTULI et al.

Serial No. 09/681,405

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: INORGANIC ACICULAR BODIES AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

: Group Art Unit: 1754

: Examiner: STEVEN J. BOS

: Response to Paper No. 4

AMENDMENT

HONORABLE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-29 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 5 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An acicular body comprising at least one inorganic compound of a metal selected from the group consisting of Groups IB, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IVA, IVB,

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